



GOVERNOR ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

PROCLAMATION

In 1985, United States Drug Enforcement Administration Agent Enrique Camarena lost his life in the line of duty. To recognize his noble sacrifice, students in his hometown began to wear red ribbons to proclaim their commitment to fight drug use and the tragedies it causes.

The Golden State is a land of limitless opportunity, but our children can only realize their goals and dreams if they make the right decisions regarding drugs, alcohol and tobacco. A bad choice can turn into chronic addiction and recurring problems that will impact their lives forever. Early education and prevention programs can help make our young people aware of the dangerous consequences of substance abuse.

During the 20th Annual Red Ribbon Week, I urge communities, schools, families and individuals to join together and take a stand against addiction. Let us encourage the next generation of Californians to abstain from drugs, alcohol and tobacco so they can lead healthy, productive lives and become part of a brighter future our state.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER, Governor of the State of California, do hereby proclaim October 23-31, 2005, as "Red Ribbon Week."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have here unto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 14th day of October 2005.

A handwritten signature of Arnold Schwarzenegger in black ink.

Arnold Schwarzenegger
GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA

Attest:

A handwritten signature of Bruce McPherson in black ink.

Bruce McPherson
SECRETARY OF STATE

